

Moss Side Primary School

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Friday 21st July 2023



Dear Moss Side Community,

The end of another school year is always a time for reflection and 2022-23 is no different. As a school, we have achieved a lot and there are far too many stand-out memories to name them all. For me, some obvious highlights were the return of Secrets' Room, our brilliant Easter bingo (organised by House Captains), the successes of our many sports teams and the brilliant Leavers' Performance. But it is also the small moments that matter: A warm smile from a pupil on a cold-wet January morning; The parent who thanked me for 'making a really good decision' to trust us with their child's education; That one pupil who you see the 'lightbulb' moment from after weeks of learning something new.

As always, I feel it is a privilege to be headteacher at Moss Side Primary and it continues to hold a special place in my life. The pupils make it what it is, with the support of our amazing families. But at this time of year, please can I pay tribute to our staff team, especially those who go the extra mile, without complaint or seeking gratitude, to allow our pupils to get everything that they possibly can from primary education and make life-long memories. We are all extremely lucky to have such a dedicated team.

Mrs Price

Today we say a fond farewell to Mrs Price, who retires today and leaves Moss Side after fifteen years of loyal service. She has worked in a variety of roles, beginning as a teaching assistant supporting individual pupils, before moving into the bursar post.

She has always put the needs of our school at the front of her thinking and has committed hours of her life, well beyond the time that she is paid for, to support the needs of our community. I want to say a huge personal thank you for the support that she has shown me over the years—from starting alongside her through to now. As a school, we will miss her greatly but know that she now has many more adventures to come.

Meet the Teacher

The dates for the September 2023 meetings are now set. Please make every effort for **at least one family member** (even if this is a grandparent) to attend. We are really eager to strengthen the face-to-face relationships that we have over the next twelve months and hope to start this with these important information sessions in the new academic year. Each session is straight after school for 20 minutes and pupils can stay in school at this point.

Weds 6th September—Mrs Simpkins

Thurs 7th September—Mr Gilyead & Mrs Torbett

Fri 8th September—Miss Taylor & Mr Kellett

Mon 11th September— Miss Thomas (year 1 pupils only) & Mrs McKenna

School Day Times

A reminder that, from September, Infant classes will start 5 minutes earlier. This is to reduce the gap between Infant and Junior start times. A reminder of the school day is as follows (NB. New EYFS pupils will use the timings once they start **full-time**):

Rec and Rec/Y1: 8:55-3:15

Y1/2 and Y2: 8:50-3:10

Y3, 4, 5, 6: 8:50-3:15

Please remember that playground gates for Junior pupils do not open until 8:45. Pupils in Juniors should therefore aim to be at school 8:45-8:50 each day.

Y4 Brass

There is a final call for any pupils wishing to continue with brass tuition next year, when they move into Year 5. We will extend the deadline until **Tuesday 25th July** but please email bursar@mosside.lancs.sch.uk to add your name to the list or contact Karen.

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Silver Leaf	Anthony B was awarded a 'Respect for Others' Silver Leaf last week but wasn't mentioned in the newsletter. He raised £105 doing a sponsored walk for charity.

Donations for the Leavers' Festival

We must say a huge thank you for the food and drink donated for the Year 6 festival:

Farington Fish and Chip Shop - they have been nominated for a business award - you can find them on Facebook and vote for them under 'Farington Chippy'.

Dr Oetker for providing all the pizzas.

Tesco for providing the drinks.

End of Term

School closes today at 3:15pm. We re-open Tuesday 5th September for years 1-6. Our new EYFS pupils begin there part-time days from Wednesday 6th September.

Wellfield Academy Open Evening

This has been confirmed as Thursday 21st September 2023, 4.30-7pm.

Happy summer holidays,

Mr Wright